

- Passer motitensis* Rufous Sparrow: Nairobi area Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun, Oct, Nov. Kijabe Feb. Naro Moru occupied nest 28 Aug. Lake Nakuru NP Apr 1977.
- Hypochera chalybeata* Red-billed Firefinch Indigobird: Nairobi fledgling being fed by female *Lagonosticta senegala* 27 Apr.
- Lagonosticta senegala* Red-billed Firefinch: Nairobi Mar, and feeding young *Hypochera chalybeata* 27 Apr.
- Pytilia melba* Green-winged Pytilia: Olorgesailie Feb.
- Uraeginthus bengalus* Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu: Kerio Valley Apr.
- Lonchura cucullata* Bronze Mannikin: Nairobi Jan (3). Nandi Hills Aug 1978. Dar es Salaam Jun 1975.
- Serinus burtoni* Thick-billed Seed-eater: North Nandi Forest feeding fledged young 3 Dec 1978.
- Serinus citrinelloides* African Citril: Kiambu Dec.
- Serinus striolatus* Streaky Seed-eater: Nairobi area Apr (2), Jun.

## BIRD RINGING 1979

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Ringling continued in all three East African countries, and in the Sudan, although very little was done in Uganda. In the ringling year July 1979 to June 1980 almost 26 000 birds were ringed, the highest total since ringling started in 1960. Of this total, 19 772 were Palaearctic migrants.

The pattern of ringling was much the same as in 1978 and a report covering the last three years will be published in the Society's *Journal* soon.

## EAST AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL STUDIES IN 1979

The following studies on birds, being undertaken in 1979, were made known to the Ornithological Sub-Committee. The studies are listed in no particular order and the list was compiled by D.A. Turner.

1. Vocalizations of barbets and woodpeckers. Dr L.L. Short and J.F.M. Horne.
2. Co-operative breeding in White-fronted Bee-eaters. Dr S.T. Emlen and team.
3. Feeding ecology of wood hoopoes. Dr J.D. Ligon and S.H. Ligon.
4. Ecology and behaviour of the Pied Kingfisher. Dr H-U. Reyer.
5. Comparison of bird densities of tropical woods and forest. Prof. H. Oelke.
6. Birds of semi-arid areas. Prof. D.E. Pomeroy.
7. Behaviour and ecology of Ostriches in Tsavo NP. Dr B. Bertram.
8. Joint Vienna Museum and National Museums of Kenya expedition to the North Nandi Forest, western Kenya, for collection of birds and small mammals.
9. Filming the courtship and breeding behaviour of the parasitic whydahs of Kenya. Prof. J. Nicolai and Dr R. Lammers.

10. Studies of the Fiscal Shrike and Grey-backed Fiscal in the Naivasha area. S. Zack.
11. Study of birds of prey in the Embu area. Cambridge University students supervised by Dr J. Hudson.
12. Status and distribution of coastal shorebirds. P.L. & H.A. Britton and Dr D.J. Pearson.
13. Status, seasonality and distribution of Palaearctic migrants in southern and eastern Kenya. Dr D.J. Pearson.
14. Oxford University Expedition to Tanzania 1979. Ms Tessa van der Willigen (leader), H.R.C. Holland and S.N. Stuart. Investigations into the status of the endangered birds and the associated avifauna of the Tanganyika-Nyasa montane forest group, and assessment of the current status of, and pressures on, the natural forests. Mapping the remaining Usambara forests. Report published.
15. January ranges and abundance of Palaearctic waterfowl. B.S. Meadows (Organizer) in co-operation with the International Wildfowl Research Bureau.
16. The Ngulia Ringing scheme.
17. The E.A.N.H.S. Nest Record Scheme. Hazel A. Britton, Organizer.
18. The E.A.N.H.S. Bird Ringing Scheme. G.C. Backhurst, Organizer.

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